Measles Epidemic in M.P.

34. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH:
CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH:
SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of large number of deaths of children in Madhya Pradesh due to measles epidemic; and

(b) if so, the assistance, if any, given to the State Government to meet the situation and to control the sperad of the epidemic?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State Governments were informed in December, 1991 about the possibility of occurrence of measles epidemic in the year 1992, which was predicted by analysing the trend of this disease in the last few years. The State Governments were also given the detailed guidelines on the measures to be taken to prevent the epidemic and in case it occurs, to control it. The States were advised to observe special Measles Immunization Day on March 16, 1992 with the help of Rotary International and Indian Medical Association to focus attention on this disease and to provide immunization services against measles on a campaign basis. Adequate quantity of measles vaccine and the financial assistance under the Universal Immunization Programme were released well in time to ensure their availability to the States. On getting the information about occurrence of the measles epidemic in Madhya Pradesh, a Central Medical Team was sent to District Morena from the 19th to 22nd June, 1992 from where the epidemic has been reported. The team has recommended the measures to be taken to meet the situation and control the spread of epidemic, which have been communicated to the Government of Madhya Pradesh.

Shortage of Beds in AIIMS

35. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the acute shortage of beds in various wards of the AIIMS New Delhi making it difficult to accommodate the patients and also of the shortage of equipment in the Casualty ward of the Institute; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to remove the shortage of beds and also to fully equip its casualty ward so as to provide better service to the patient?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. In order to reduce the patient load in the main hospital, the AIIMS have planned to introduce certain measures which *inter-alia include the establishment of* Screening O.P.D., construction of an additional Private Ward Block and setting up of Speciality Centres. Further, constant efforts are made to update the medical equipment and meet the requirements of modern technology both in the Casualty and other departments within the availability of resources.

Surrender by Militants in Arunachal Pradesh

36. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the Minister to HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there existed UPVA (United Peoples Volunteers of Arunachal Pradesh), ULMA (United Liberation Movement of Arunachal) and ULVA (United Liberation Volunteers of Arunachal) in Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) whether it is also a fact that all these terrorist outfits, have surrendered recently before the Government of Arunachal Pradesh;

(c) if so, the number of such activists surrendered so far and those who are still absconding; and

(d) what remedical steps have been taken to rehabilitate the surrendered militants?